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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: SOVIET TANKS IN AFGHANISTAN

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2. FOR NEW DELHI: IN LIGHT ABOVE YOU SHOULD DEFER

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RAISING MATTER WITH INDIANS FOR TIME BEING. IN MEANWHILE,

WE ARE REVIEWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON TANK TRANSAC-
TION, AND WOULD HOPE THAT AFGHANS WILLING TO SHED SOME
GREATER LIGHT ON WHAT REMAINS, TO THIS MOMENT, A STILL-
MURKY MATTER. RUSH

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